[0010] Another problem associated with some wound care products is that they fail to provide efficient means for correlating relevant wound information to a respective wound patient. After dressing a wound, the treating person must generally rely on memory or on clear communications to remember, for example, when to change a wound dressing. In health care settings, overworked and/or inexperienced professionals and confusion created by frequent medical procedures on the patient are some exemplary causes of human error when treating a wound. Thus, the potential for improper wound treatment is high based on the high potential for human error. For example, miscommunication between professionals regarding changing a wound dressing can result in a wound dressing being changed too soon or too late. In turn, the improper changing of wound dressings can delay the healing process (e.g., if the wound dressing is changed too soon) and/or can increase the potential for infection (e.g., if the wound dressing is changed too late). In another example, a wound care professional may forget any special conditions associated with a particular patient. Applying the wrong wound dressing can have serious adverse, and potentially deadly, effects on the patient.

[0011] Therefore, a need exists for a wound care product that includes printed information for treatment of a severe wound, such as usage information or directions on an individual single-use wound care item, and/or that provides efficient means for correlating relevant severe wound information to a respective wound patient. The present invention is directed to satisfying one or more of these needs and solving other problems.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0012] According to one implementation, a wound care package includes a wound care product for treating a severe wound and an individual package in which the wound dressing is stored prior to usage. The wound care package further includes a booklet-type label affixed to an exterior surface of the individual package, the booklet-type label including on its interior surface severe wound treatment information.

[0013] According to another implementation, a method for providing a severe wound care package includes inserting a wound care product into an individual package and attaching a booklet-type label to an exterior surface of the individual package. The method further includes providing a set of usage directions for treating a severe wound. The set of usage directions is located on an interior surface of the booklet-type label.

[0014] According to a further implementation, a wound dressing package for treatment of a severe wound includes a container, a plurality of individual pouches located inside the container, and a wound dressing located inside each of the plurality of individual pouches. The wound dressing package further includes a main label attached to an exterior surface of each of the plurality of individual pouches. The main label includes a top sheet and a bottom sheet connected to each other along one edge, the main label including severe wound treatment information on an interior surface of the bottom sheet.

[0015] The above summary of the present invention is not intended to represent each embodiment or every aspect of the present invention. The detailed description and Figures will describe many of the embodiments and aspects of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] The foregoing and other advantages of the invention will become apparent upon reading the following detailed description and upon reference to the drawings.

[0017] FIG. **1** illustrates a perspective view of a wound dressing box having a plurality of individual wound dressing pouches.

[0018] FIG. **2** illustrates a perspective view of one of the wound dressing pouches shown in FIG. **1**.

[0019] FIG. **3** illustrates the wound dressing pouch shown in FIG. **2** having its booklet label in an open position.

[0020] FIG. **4** illustrates a removable label of the booklet label shown in FIG. **3** located on a wound dressing.

[0021] FIG. **5** illustrates the wound dressing pouch shown in FIG. **2** having a secondary label.

[0022] While the invention is susceptible to various modifications and alternative forms, specific embodiments have been shown by way of example in the drawings and will be described in detail herein. It should be understood, however, that the invention is not intended to be limited to the particular forms disclosed. Rather, the invention is to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the spirit and scope of the invention.

DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

[0023] Referring to FIG. **1**, a plurality of wound care products are packaged together in a single package for treatment of severe wounds. Each wound care product is a single-use wound care item that is inserted into a corresponding individual package. For example, one type of wound care products for treatment of severe wounds is a wound dressing. According to one implementation, a package for one or more wound dressings includes a container in the shape of a box **10** and five wound dressings individually packaged in respective pouches **12**. In alternative implementations, the container can be any type, size, or shape (e.g., a circular box, a rectangular bag, etc.), can be any material, and can include any number of wound dressing packages. In other alternative implementations, the wound dressing packages can be any type, size, or shape, and can be any material. For example, instead of or in addition to pouches, the individual packages can be individual boxes, individual bags, individual envelopes, etc.

[0024] The box **10** has printed information on one or more of its surfaces. For example, the box **10** includes directions, usage information, and ingredient information on its front surface **14**. In alternative implementations, the printed information can be on any surface of the box **10** and can include any other information, including product classification information. The classification information can be used to easily identify the type of wound care product and its applications.

[0025] In the implementation illustrated in FIG. **1**, each pouch **12** is made from a couple of sheets that are affixed to each other along each edge to preserve, prior to usage, a single wound dressing. The sheets can be made of any material, including polypropylene, plastic, foil, paper, etc. To remove the wound dressing, a wound care professional generally peels apart the sheet along a removably affixed edge **16**.